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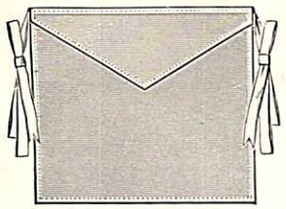

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HENRY WARREN RUGG, D. D.

Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar

Henry Warren Rugg, D. D.

The Rev. Dr. Henry W. Rugg, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the United States, having been unanimously elected to the position at the recent Triennial Conclave in Saratoga, N. Y., is the fourth member of the Order from New England who has attained such distinction. He is the twenty-first in line, Governor DeWitt Clinton having been elected Grand Master at the formation of the National Body in 1816

Dr. Rugg is a native of Massachusetts, having been born in Framingham of that State. He has been a resident of Providence, Rhode Island for over two score years. He was made a Mason soon after attaining his majority and in the years near following received the Degrees conferred in Chapter, Council, Commandery and Scottish Rite. The 33d Degree in the Scottish Rite was conferred upon him by the Supreme Council of the Northern Jurisdiction at the session held in Boston, September, 1900.

The Order of the Temple was conferred upon Dr. Rugg by Maine Commandery, No. 1., of Gardiner, Maine, in 1864. At that time he was residing in Bath where he was active in the organizing of Dunlap Commandery of that city of which body he is a charter member Removing to Providence, he affiliated with Saint Johns Commandery, No. 1, of that city and was soon elected its Eminent Commander A few years later he was elected Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, holding that position for two years. He has been the writer of Correspondence for that Body during the past twenty years. He was the Historian of Saint Johns Commandery. No. 1, Providence, at its centennial celebration in 1902, and rendered a like service for the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island at its centennial observance in 1905. He edited the substantial volume published at that time containing varied and important information concerning the origin and history of Templary.

Grand Master Rugg entered the Grand Encampment at the Triennial Conclave held at Cleveland in 1877 and was appointed chairman of an important Committee on that occasion. At the Triennial session held in Denver in 1892 he was elected Grand Junior Warden. At the 31st Triennial Conclave held in Saratoga he was elected by a unanimous vote to be the head of the nearly 200 000 Knights Templar allegiant to the Grand Encampment. There are but three supreme governing Bodies of Templary in the world, namely: The Grand Encampment of the United States; The Great Priory of England and Wales of which the Right Honorable, the Earl of Euston is the head; and The Sovereign Great Priory of Canada of which Sir Knight John B. Tresidder is Grand Master.

Dr. Rugg was pastor of the Church of the Mediator, Universalist, in Providence for nearly thirty years. While resigning his pastorate several years ago, he is still active in the affairs of the denomination with which he is identified. He is Chairman of the Board of Trustees of its General Convention. He is also a Director of the Universalist Publishing House of Boston. The subject of this writing has always been actively interested in educational matters. He was President of the Public School Board of Providence for several years and served on its most important committees. He holds membership in numerous educational, historical and philanthropic associations. He has written much on Masonic and Templar subjects and was editor of the Freemasons Repository, a monthly magazine, for over a quarter of a century. Grand Master Rugg has delivered many public addresses and orations, some of which on account of their literary and Masonic value have been issued in printed form.

At present Dr. Rugg is actively occupied as the Secretary of the Corporation of Tufts College and in other work for its interest, having an office in Boston, though he continues to reside in Providence.

THE SPAN OF LIFE

[Frank Leon Beeby in Boston Transcript]

A stretch of beach before the ocean lying;
The glistening sands beneath a morning sun;
A tiny moth, in golden sunlight flying;
A life begun.

The orb of light his onward course pursuing;
A glittering noon beneath a fervent ray;
A sylvan bower—a space of ardent wooing—
A hast'ning day.

A sinking sun with failing vigor shining;
A creeping shade within the sylvan bower;
A feeble form, upon the sands reclining;
The evening hour.

The shades of dusk to deeper shadows growing;
The flickering flare of fast departing light;
The ocean grim, with billows overflowing;
Then darksome night.

Thirtieth Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of the United States at Saratoga, N. Y.

E. BENTLEY YOUNG

R. E. Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island

The committee of the Grand Commandery of New York, which has been at work for months making preparation for the reception and entertainment of the Knights Templar of the country who desired to take part in the exercises connected with the 30th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of the United States, may congratulate themselves on the remarkable success that has attended their efforts. Only those who have had similar experience can fully appreciate the labor involved in such an undertaking. The well known ability of those in charge of the business was a guarantee of success; their personal energy and judicious management secured the co-operation of the Sir Knights of every section, and Saratoga was literally captured by Knights Templar when the sun rose on the morning of July 8, which was the opening day of triennial week.

The first commandery to arrive was the Louisiana Commandery, next South Carolina No. 1, of Charleston; after these came commanderies from every direction. On the same day the Right Honorable the Earl of Euston, G. T. C. 33, most eminent and supreme grand master of the Great Priory of England and Wales and the dependencies thereof, and his party arrived. They were received by the officers of the Grand Encampment informally at the station and escorted by them and by Washington Commandery of Saratoga to their rooms in the Grand Union Hotel, where the Earl was formally welcomed and received by George M. Moulton, grand master of Knights Templar of the United States.

In the Earl's party, were Thomas Fraser of London, great marshal; Frederick C. Van Duzer of London, past grand banner bearer beauseant; and Henry T. Homer of London, banner bearer.

Grand Commander Young of the grand commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island started on an official tour early Monday morning.

With Joseph Warren commandery, S. Everett Tinkham commander as escort, and headed by the Waltham watch band, the grand commander and suite visited Worcester county commandery, William W. Brown in command at the Vermont house. On approaching the hotel the Stevens band welcomed the grand commander with "Hail to the Chief."

The head of templary in Massachusetts and Rhode Island proceeded through lines of welcoming knights into the building and there was an exchange of courtesies. Eminent Commander Brown was congratulated on the fine turnout made from his city.

Grand Commander Young said he had made his visit to add something to the pleasant experience he had enjoyed and especially thanked the sir knights for their loyalty and devotion as manifested by their large numbers. He thanked the eminent commander for the hospitality shown and extended to them all, especially the women, a cordial invitation to call at the headquarters of the grand commandery, where there would be open-house from this time forth.

Introductions followed and then the march was taken to the United States hotel, where Eminent Commander Dana voiced the welcome of Calvary commandery of Providence, surrounded by nearly a score of fair members of the party. In grasping the hand of the grand commander he said he desired to introduce very important members of the suite—the ladies—who had come to participate in the festivities.

"I'm glad to hear it," replied Grand Commander Young. "The ladies, why, we couldn't get along without them," and his suite said "Yea" with one accord.

Before dismissal of his staff, Grand Commander Young called on Grand Master Moulton at the encampment headquarters in the Grand Union and the notable leader of Templarism in the United States was most gracious in the warmth of his greeting. The presentations were by Grand Capt Gen. Burnham.

The grand commander in his address stated that he had come to pay his compliments to the head of the Knights Templar and express his delight at the wise, just and able administration of affairs of the grand encampment in the past three years. Grand Master Moulton, he declared, had contributed notably to the cause during his regime, which had been successful to a marked degree.

"Yes, and I have been handsomely assisted by the representatives from Massachusetts and Rhode Island. A meed of praise is due them for such successful conditions." said the grand master. "I am glad to meet you all."

The most brilliant social function of the conclave was the reception by the grand commandery of New York to Grand Master Moulton and officers of the grand encampment, the earl of Euston, and attendant dignitaries of the craft from his country, as well as five notabilities of templary in Canada. The con-

vention hall was thronged, about half of the number being women in evening gowns, while the knights were in full uniform and they wore the many jewels of their degrees, among which exchange badges of brilliant designs were conspicuous.

As the grand master and deputy grand master with the earl and escort passed down the aisle to the floor, the spectators arose and the band played "God Save the King." All the visitors from abroad wore elaborate templar robes. The distinguished party formed a receiving line in front of the stage and the representatives of various grand commanderies, including Grand Commander Young and suite of Massachusetts and Rhode Island with the women accompanying them, passed along and bowed their acknowledgements. The ceremony lasted half an hour, after which there was a magnificent concert, made up of vocal numbers and band selections.

One of the principal hotel occasions on Monday evening was the reception given by Hugh De Payens commandery of Melrose, Mass., at the Grand Union.

St. Omer commandery of South Boston also had a large crowd at its quarters at the Wentworth at Round lake and New Haven commandery at the United States. Mt. Calvary commandery of Middlebury, Vt., at the American-Adelphi, St. Bernard commandery of Chicago at the United States and the grand commanderies of Pennsylvania and Florida at the Grand Union.

The 11 visiting commanderies from Connecticut combined with the grand commandery in securing combination quarters at the Grand Union Hotel and erected a large tent in the hotel park for their receptions.

Saratoga was brilliantly decorated with multitudes of banners and electric lights with arches and signs of welcome on every side. When the electric lights were turned on the principal thoroughfare seemed like a vision of fairyland. The great event of the week and that which attracted the greatest number of visitors was the parade of Tuesday.

The procession was formed in the morning and soon after noon moved over the designated route which was lined with spectators, many thousands in number. The Commander of the parade was Eminent Sir Edwin C. Hall, grand captain general of New York. The Chief of Staff was Eminent Sir James H. Lloyd, with aids representing twenty-two States. The aides from New England were: Sir Knight James F. Bagley, Maine; and Sir Knight J. P. Sanborn, Massachusetts and Rhode Island; then came the First Grand Division, Sir Holman G. Purington, Chief of Division.

Washington Commandery, No. 33 of Saratoga Springs had the honor of escorting the Grand Encampment and preceded by the Troy City band made an excellent showing with over 300 swords.

St. Bernard Commandery, as especial escort to the Grand Commander, came next after which came the officers and members of the Grand Encampment and visitors from other grand jurisdictions in carriages.

In the first carriage were George Mayhew Moulton, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States; the Right Honorable Earl of Euston, Most Eminent Supreme Grand Master of the United Orders of the Temple and Hospital in England and Wales.

In the following carriages were the visitors from England and from Canada and officers of the Grand Encampment. The left of the line of the first division was held by South Carolina Commandery No. 1, of Charleston and other commanderies immediately subordinate to the Grand Encampment.

The second division included the Massachusetts and Rhode Island Sir Knights. The third was composed of Vermont, New Hampshire, Ohio, and Kentucky commanderies, The fourth was composed entirely of Knights from Connecticut, as was the fifth, of Pennsylvania templars.

The sixth division included Indiana and Illinois delegations. Commanderies from New Jersey and the southern states made up the seventh. The eighth contained the middle west contingent, the ninth the Knights from the far west, the tenth the District of Columbia and New Mexico and Idaho members, and the eleventh, which was by far the largest, of New York State commanderies.

When the head of the line reached the official reviewing stand, Governor Hughes and his staff were already there. The grand master, the distinguished visitors and the members of the Grand Encampment then joined him and before the distinguished personages the waving plumes passed for three hours.

All along the line shouts, cheering and hand-clapping were heard as a commandery, making an extraordinarily fine appearance or executing some fine piece of maneuvering caught the attention of the crowd. As the various commanderies passed their friends on the stands they were greeted enthusiastically.

It is estimated that 6,000 men were in line, while it was not one of the largest templar parades that has been seen it was highly impressive.

The weather was superb and the route short.

Saratoga lends itself well to such an interesting combination of color as was presented by the parade. It offers first a broad and straight avenue through the centre of the municipality, which is at once the medium of business and the main thoroughfare of social hotel life, while in a half circle, depending from Broadway, is the leading residential highway. On these two streets the marching knights paraded and the conditions surrounding the route of the procession made it one of the most spectacular displays ever offered by the marching thousands of Templars at a triennial conclave.

Boston commandery made an excellent showing just behind St. John's of Providence. The appearance of the members of Joseph Warren commandery of Roxbury was the signal for enthusiastic greetings in every direction. It led the entire procession in dress and its alignment and general marching

order showed that no little attention had been paid to matters of detail by those in charge of the organization.

Pilgrim commandery of Lowell won more applause than any of those who led from the soldierly appearance of the men and the manner of their bearing, but Palestine of Chelsea and Hugh De Payne of Melrose also made an excellent appearance, while St Omer of South Boston and Berkshire of Pitt-field won not a little applause. Beasaunt of Malden also claimed a fair share of the public attention showered on the marchers.

St. John's of Providence was commanded by Waldo McPlace, Boston by Charles S. Damrell, Worcester county by William W. Brown, Holy Sepulchre of Pawtucket by Albert H. Humes, Pilgrim of Lowell by Harry G. Pollard, Hugh De Payens of Melrose by Seth C. Clark, St Omer of South Boston by Henry M. Nash Berkshire of Pittsfield by David J. Gimlick, Woonsocket by Farnum B. Smith, Godfrey De Bouilion of Fall River by Dwight B. Cone, Joseph Warren of Roxbury by S. Everett Tinkham, Palestine of Chelsea by Rev. R. Perry Bush. D. D., Calvary of Providence by Frederick I. Dana, William Parkman of East Boston by Walter J. Staples, Trinity of Hudson by Fred S Rowell, Gethsemane of Newtonville by William J. Jarvis, St. Paul North Adams by Harvey A. Gallup, and Beausant of Malden by Charles E. Prior.

In the third division Holy Cross of Bellows Falls, Vt., made a hit by its formation as a cross and subsequently there were numerous expressions of approval for the different manoeuvres presented.

Vermont grand commandery was commanded by R. E. Sir Knight J. Henry Jackson, and the following were in charge of the respective local organizations: Killington of Rutland, Frank L. Clark; Calvary of Middlebury, J. Edward Buttolph; Burlington, A. G. Mansur; Beauseant of Brattleboro, James B. Russell; Holy Cross of Bellows Falls, George B. Wheeler; Mt. Zion of Montpelier, William H. Herrick.

Connecticut had the entire fourth division and made one of the best showings of the parade. Sir Knight Ferron S. Betts, past grand commander was in charge of the section and the bodies under his charge made an excellent appearance in the way of correct alignment and general attention to order. The band of the division, composed entirely of members of Washington commandery of Hartford, was a feature which attracted particular attention all along the route, it being the only musical organization of the kind on parade.

Grand Commander Norman F. Allen was in charge of the grand commandery section, and the following officiated at the heads of the different subordinate bodies: Washington of Hartford, Theodore H. Goodrich; New Haven, Wallace S. Moyle; Clinton of Norwalk, Chester F. Clark; Columbian of Norwich, E. Allen Bidwell; Hamilton of Bridgeport, Jesse B. Cornwall; Palestine of New London, Arthur B. Calkins; Clark of Waterbury, John R. Hughes; Cyrene of Middletown, Fred E. Gibbons; St. Elmo of Meriden, Charles H. Tredennick; Crusaders of Danbury, Louis T. Theirer; St. John's of Willimantic, George E. Hinman.

Grand Commander E. Bentley Young of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, was marshal of the second grand division. His chief of staff was Capt. Gen. W. W. Burnham of Providence, and the adjutant was Grand Warder Pierce. They were mounted, as were these members of the staff: Deputy Grand Commander Litchfield, Grand Generalissimo Munroe, Grand Treas. Morse, Grand Standard Bearer Nagle, Grand Sword Bearer Sherwood, Grand Captain of Guards Edgerly, Grand Lecturers Medding, Spencer, and Johnson, Judson C. MacKenzie, Harry Stevens, James Gould, Arthur W. Stetson, John J. Van Valkenburgh, William Robinson, E. G. Pond, Henry W. Litchfield, Amory Maynard, Thomas L. Phillips, Thomas P. Blake, William E. Perrins, Irving D. Vose and Daniel L. Hunt.

Grand Recorder Benj. W. Rowell rode in a carriage with the grand commandery banner and accompanying him also on the suite were John A. Johnson of De Molay commandery, Boston, and P. A. Melville. Mr. Johnson is nearing the 95 mark and has been 40 years a Templar. He was without doubt the oldest knight in line. The colors were borne by Arthur D. Prince of Pilgrim commandery and John K. Munroe of Calvary commandery.

After passing the grand master, Grand Commander Young reviewed the knights of his command. The veteran body, the St John's of Providence, led the line, following a band, and by its step seemed to be proudly conscious of the fact that the next grand master would hail from its ranks.

After the parade the grand officers and their guests went immediately to the large structure in the centre of the town used as a postoffice, municipal building, court, etc., where mutual felicitations were offered on all sides.

The programme included, besides the musical selections, prayer by the Rev. Joseph Carey, D. D., an address of welcome in behalf of the state of New York by Gov. Charles E. Hughes, an address of welcome in behalf of the village of Saratoga Springs by Senator E. T. Brackett, an address of welcome in behalf of the grand encampment of Knights Templar of New York by Grand Commander A. P. Knapp, and response by George M. Moulton, grand master of the grand encampment.

Gov. Hughes' speech was of particular interest to the visiting knights. He said in part: "For those persons busy with the control of the state, those engaged in making the laws, it is a great pleasure to turn aside for a few happy moments to contemplate our citizenship. In watching those who passed before us in review today I could not help being struck with the splendid reserve of citizenship which our country holds. I believe that what we need most at the present time is the sentiment of knighthood, the feeling of unselfish devotion to the public good. We ought to have that knightly devotion in every walk of life, that willingness to

suffer that our ideals in life may be realized."

This was a night of visitations. Grand Master Young having called on Hugh de Payens and been cordially welcomed by Eminent Commander Clark, went across the street to Beauseant of Malden and extended his congratulations to Eminent Commander Prior. Under escort of Beauseant, the grand commander and staff called on Eminent Commander Jarvis of Gethsemane. The Newton commandery had just concluded an informal reception to St. John's of Bangor and Holy Sepulchre of Pawtucket. Then the grand commander was welcomed to Joseph Warren commandery at the United States hotel.

The leading event in a series of brilliant receptions was the reception of the grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island on Wednesday evening from 8 to 10 to the grand encampment, two special parlors of the Grand Union were thronged. Accompanying Grand Master Moulton and Mrs. Moulton were the earl of Euston and other noted English Templars, representatives of the great priory of Canada, Grand Generalissimo Melish, Grand Warden MacArthur and others prominent in the grand encampment.

In the receiving line were Rt. Em. Grand Commander Young and suite, including Deputy Grand Commander Litchfield, Gen. Munroe, Grand Treas. Morse, Grand Recorder Rowell, Grand Standard Bearer Nagle, Grand Warden Pierce and others of the staff.

The women in the grand commandery party were handsomely gowned and assisted in the welcome. They comprised Mrs. Charles J. Litchfield, Mrs. John D. Munroe, Mrs. Walter W. Burnham, Mrs. Charles E. Pierce, Mrs. J. C. MacKenzie, Mrs. Amory Maynard, Miss Litchfield and Miss Pinkham.

Grand Capt. Gen. Burnham made the presentations. The welcome extended by Grand Commander Young was most happy. Grand Master Moulton in his felicitous reply indicated how high a place in the estimation of templary in the United States the grand commandery of Massachusetts is held.

The earl alluded to the great pleasure that had attended his visit, and remarked that he would ever have the happiest recollections of the 1907 conclave.

During the hours of the reception representatives from all the state commanderies were on hand and were warmly greeted. The Joseph Warren commandery band played for the function. There was a fine display of exotics to set off the colors and banner of the grand commandery and a setpiece of greenery rested upon the table where refreshments were served.

While receptions, entertainments and social functions of various sorts occupied a large share of the time and attention of the great throng of Saratoga visitors the business which was the motive of the Conclave was being despatched in its regular manner and its records will be published in due time. The Conclave was formally closed on Thursday, July 11, with the election of the following officers:

Henry W. Rugg, Providence, grand master; William B. Melish, Cincinnati, deputy grand master; Arthur MacArthur, Troy, grand generalissimo; Frank W. Pierce, Oakland, Calif. grand captain general; Lee S. Smith, Pittsburg, grand senior warden; Joseph K. Orr, Atlanta, grand junior warden; H. Wales Lines, Meriden, Conn. grand treas.; John A. Gerow, Detroit, grand sec.; George M. Moulton, Chicago, trustee for nine years.

Grand Master Rugg named the following appointive officers: George C. Rafter, Cheyenne, Wyo., grand prelate; William H. Norris, Manchester, Iowa, grand standard bearer; Frederick C. Thayer, Portland, Me., grand warden; Jehiel W. Chamberlain, St. Paul, grand sword bearer; Harrison Dingman, Washington, grand captain of the guard.

There was a general uninimity in the election of the officers. Rev. Dr. Rugg and William B. Mellish received every vote cast for their offices.

Massachusetts was singled out particularly in the distribution of committee honors. Past Grand Commander William H. H. Soule of Boston is renamed on the finance committee. Past Grand Commander Dana J. Flanders of Malden is on the very important committee of arrangements for the 31st triennial. Past Grand Commanders George H. Burnham of Providence and Eli C. Beardsley of Meriden, Conn. are designated to select a testimonial for the retiring grand master.

Past Grand Commander Caleb Saunders of Lawrence is on the committee of jurisprudence, while Grand Commander E. Bentley Young is one of a commission of three to meet a similar one from foreign countries to report on the future of Templary throughout the world.

The first recognition of the newly acquired honors of Rev. Dr. Rugg came from his home grand commandery, that of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. A pretty ceremony took place at 5:30 in the parlor of the Grand Union hotel, when Grand Commander Young voiced the tribute of Templarism in the two states to their talented and beloved leader.

Attending him on the right were Mrs. Gertrude Field, daughter of Grand Master Rugg; Mrs. Charles I. Litchfield, Mrs. John D Munroe, Mrs. Walter W. Burnham, Mrs. Charles E. Pierce, Mrs. William H. H. Soule, Mrs. Amory Maynard, Mrs. Judson Mackenzie and Miss Litchfield. On the left were Deputy Grand Commander Litchfield, Grand Generalissimo Munroe, Grand Capt. Gen. Burnham, Grand Recorder Rowell, Grand Standard Bearer Nagle, Grand Captain of Guards Edgerly, Past Commanders Gould, Robinson, Van Alkenburg and Maynard, with Past Grand Commander Hahn of Alabama, a resident of Boston.

Grand Master Rugg was escorted into the presence of the party by Past Grand Commanders Caleb Saunders, William H. H. Soule, Freeman C Hersey, George E. Hilton, H. F. Morse, Dana J. Flanders, John P. Sanborn and Edwin A. Blodgett.

Rt. Em Caleb Saunders in presenting Grand Master Rugg to

Grand Commander Young, declared it one of the most agreeable duties of his Masonic life to thus assist in honoring one whom they all knew and appreciated for his great worth. This had already been recognized in the various Templar bodies of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and today it was further made manifest by the highest gift in the supreme Templar body.

Addressing Grand Master Rugg, Grand Commander Young said it had been thought eminently proper to extend to their worthy leader the most cordial greetings on the occasion of his elevation as head of the grand encampment. He had distinguished himself as a Mason and in his public utterances, while today had come an honor to which he had no doubt looked forward and his associate fraters in Massachusetts and Rhode Island had anticipated as his just reward.

"By your example and words," said the grand commander, "you have uplifted and upbuilded humanity and we know your worth. In your leadership we have confidence; by nature, education and accomplishments you are fitted to lead Knight Templarism, an institution that possesses a great influence for good. Your voice and example have been a great incentive to us.

"I present you 21 beautiful roses in token of the attainment of your majority—that is you are the 21st to hold the exalted position now accorded you. This comes from the grand commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island which hails with satisfaction and delight the fact that you are crowned with new laurels."

So deeply moved was Grand Master Rugg that he could not speak for a few moments. When he found voice he said:

"I am proud and pleased that I am thought worthy of being the recipient of the kind message delivered to me by Grand Commander Young. I think I prize the sympathetic feeling of my templar associates in Massachusetts and Rhode Island more than the honorable office to which I have been chosen.

"Do not imagine that I fail to appreciate the honors that have fallen upon me; do not think that I am wanting in thought and respect for the office.

"To be called on for three years to fill my new duties is in itself no light task. It causes one deep thought and reminds me how the order has grown since 90 years ago Massachusetts and Rhode Island played so prominent a part in starting the grand encampment. But we were ahead of that in our two states and have already passed our centennial.

"We have optimistic hopes that our usefulness has been extended. We have added satisfaction in the glories of the past, but today come to another epoch.

"The name of Webb from Massachusetts stands forth as that of one who by his force of character planted the imperishable tree of templarism. We have had our own Gardner and Dean, and if I can follow their zeal and influence I will be thankful. Our institution is helpful and restful and makes for the betterment of humanity. It points to higher thoughts and greater deeds It helps us in our paths to better days. God grant that we may be faithful and zealous in helping to better man and advance the interests of Freemasonry and the world.

"I pledge my presence, my words, my service and best efforts to the cause of templary and humanity."

Grand Commander Young said the grand commandery recognized the valuable assistance given to the delegation by the women, whose presence had been an inspiration. He hoped they would all be at the next conclave. He presented to each woman in the party a large bunch of american beauties amid applause.

Grand Recorder Rowell, said the grand commander, had not been forgotten, and handed him a floral tribute.

Mrs. Field advanced and saluted her father. The women then shook hands with Dr. Rugg, who passed along the line among the grand commander's staff, each member offering congratulation as he took him by the hand.

The party then dined together.

REPUTATION

"What is reputation? 'Tis the power that nerves
The human arm that for good of mankind serves;
'Tis that which giveth currency to human dross.
Its worth is priceless, irretrievable its loss.
Without it, no value can be placed on gold,
Birth has no distinction, no reverence the old.
And all the decorations, all the arts of life,
Stand like the Upas tree with deadly poison rife.
Oh, rich inheritance! Oh, legacy divine!
The pure, the undying wish to inspire is thine.
Thou art the greatest treasure mortal times display,
Without thee man is glided loam or painted clay."

Conference of Supreme Councils of Scottish Rite Masons At Brussels

CHARLES T. GALLAGHER, 33D

We are pleased to print the following interesting letter from Ill. Brother Charles T. Gallagher, 33d, who was one of the delegates of the Supreme Council of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction U. S. A , to the conference of the Supreme Councils of the world recently held at Brussells. The letter is somewhat personal in character but gives a delightful impression of the cordial hospitality of the brethren abroad, it also suggests the high character and standing of the Masonic leaders and the dignity of their methods, particularly in England in grand lodge procedure.

The international conference of the Supreme Councils of Scottish Rite Masons of the world was a notable eve t in the history of the rite. It was a gathering of distinguished Masons, assembled at the invitation of the Supreme Council of Belgium for fraternal conference and consideration of subjects relating to the welfare of the A. A. S. Rite.

Some reluctance was manifested by several of the supreme councils to take part in the conference. It is well known that each supreme council is sovereign as far as its jurisdiction extends and each would naturally be conservative in adopting any proposition that would tend to limit its prerogatives. Ill. Henry L. Palmer, 33d, M. P. Sov. Grand Commander of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, while treating the invitation with the utmost courtesy. said of the proposed conference: "Much good to the Scottish Rite may result from an International Conference of the leading members of the several Supreme Councils, such as is proposed, or much harm and confusion may be the outcome, dependent upon the spirit with which its proceedings may be conducted, and what may be done by it, or left undone." The committee, to whom the subject was referred, recommended representation in the international conference and authorized the appointment of three delegates to represent the Supreme council. The delegates who were appointed were;

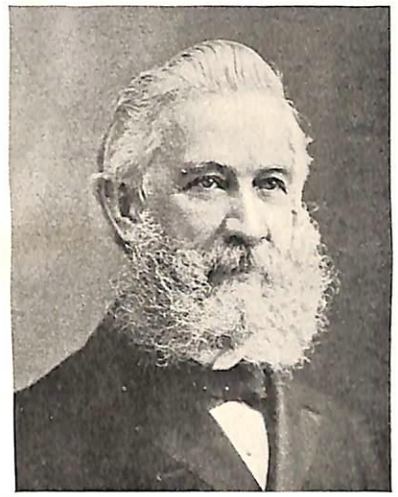
Ill Samuel C. Lawrence, 33d, of Massachusetts; Ill. Barton Smith, 33d, of Ohio and Ill. Charles T. Gallagher, 33d, of Massachusetts. Twenty of the supreme couucils of the world were represented at the international conference, which was not held for legislative purposes, but for the unification of the Scottish rite throughout the world and to consider the best method of dealing with irregular Masonic bodies. We do not yet know what the result of the conference may be but are satisfied that great good must come from it, to our order and to humanity, from the personal influence of those who were engaged in its business. The friendships that have been established between the brethren of widely separated countries is of great value to them and to their councils. It will help to bring mankind nearer that state of perfection to which we are looking forward when we shall "regard the whole human species as one family, the high and low, the rich and poor; who, as created by one Almighty Parent, and inhabitants of the same planet, are to aid, support, and protect each other."

Letter from Right Worshipful Charles T. Gallagher, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts and delegate to the conference of the Supreme Councils A. A. S. Rite of the world at Brus sells, June 1907.

Geneve, June 26, 1907

My Dear Warren: — You asked me to write of our Masonic trip. As the proceedings of our five days of Supreme Couucil, delegates representing 20 different nationalities, are to be printed in English and French I will not characterize the results, as each one who reads can formulate his own opinion, and no two may agree as to results, on careful analysis; it will depend on the view-point. We have not written any account to any one though I expect Judge Moore of the Southern Jurisdiction who runs the New Age may make a feature of it.

We were generously and cordially



GEN. SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE, 33D

entertained in England, as well as at Brussells; at London we went direct from the steamer train to the sessi n of the full Supreme Council of England, Scotland and Ireland; every member of each council being present, a remarkable occurrence. The Earl of Dartry presided while the Earl of Kintore headed Scotland and Lord Justice Fitzgibbons Ireland. Grand Commander Richardson of the Southern and General Lawrence from the Northern jurisdiction were given seats on either

side of the presiding officer while Canada and the rest of us sat among the Lords and gentlemen of the Council. Everything was conducted with the utmost dignity and decorum, and while Great Britain did not join the Brussells Conference they were cordial in their desire to meet the six English speaking jurisdictions in conference. They entertained us in the evening at a sumptuous banquet and the warmest fraternal feelings were shown.

The next day the Great Priory (corresponding to the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar) presided over by the Earl of Euston, who you will recall as visiting us in Boston, had us all in conference, and another banquet followed in the evening, after a bountiful repast at noon, so that in 24 hours we were dined three times in elaborate style beside our regular meals. At all these functions good fellowship prevailed. The flags of the two nations being the decorations of the room and of the table :—the speeches were many and of a "blood thicker than water" sentiments. The last of these three banquets was on Decoration day and though it was not alluded to I could not help thinking how much Masonic sentiment there is in the observance of the day. I tried to find some American grave in London. for the General, and brother D. W. Lawrence, (who accompanied the party) and myself (all G. A. R men) to go and decorate; but finding none I got my wife to go and place a bunch of roses on the poet Longfellow's bust in Westminster Abbey.

The following Tuesday the Grand Lodge of Mark Masons (unknown to us as you know) received us in open session and another banquet followed with more speeches etc.

THE OLD CURIOSITY SHOP—NEAR FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON

The next day, Wednesday, General Lawrence and myself as Past Grand Masters were received with Past and Present grand masters of Victoria, Australia, and New South Wales, Australia and New Zealand, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Ontario; We were the only representatives of the United States of either jurisdiction.

There were about 600 members present. The Earl of Amherst presided (the Prince of Wales is Grand Master but seldom appears in person to preside): Business was despatched with expedition and dignity: one vote calling for a division by all members filling out on either side of the Grand Master for the yeas and nays and then returning to their seats: the result was 234 to 233, and as a sample of British fair-play and masonic fellowship, the Board for General Purposes, that proposed the measure, withdrew it, as it appeared so many brethren opposed it.

The officers and members of the Grand Lodge are of an exceedingly high character and the proceedings impressed me greatly. The General had a fine time revelling in the Grand Lodge Library with Brother Sadler the librarian and Sir Edward Letchworth, grand secretary.

The session of the Grand Lodge was from 4 till 8 p. m. and as the General could not go I was obliged to represent the United States at the banquet of the grand officers, about 200 in number. General Lourie, who once visited our Grand Lodge, was toast master and I was called on first to speak, but found that 200 British brethren could be as enthusiastic in their applause as our own brethren at a Feast of St. John. Each of the other six visiting jurisdictions also responded. A number of the

BOULEVARD ANSPACH—BRUSSELS, BELGIUM

Honorable Artillery Company of London who were with their company when it was in Boston in the fall of 1903 were present. As you remember several of the artillery company, who were masons, assisted in the work in St. John's lodge. Col. Stohwasser who occupied the west at that time and others greeted me in remembrance of their entertainment.

With all this entertainment there were invitations to visits etc, etc., which time did not permit us to enjoy.

I shall try, on my return to London, to visit the Institution for boys under the Grand Lodge patronage, a most flourishing success. I was invited to Prize Day when the Countess of Dartmouth delivered prizes and when the Earl of Dartmouth (of the Grand Lodge of England) made an address, but it occurred while I had to be in Brussells. The Earl visited our Grand Lodge room with me when he came to lay the corner-stone of Dartmouth Hall, you will remember.

Out of all, masonically, whether of the A. A. Scottish Rite or of Blue Lodge and York Rite masonry, there has come a most beneficial and valuable relation established that will always be fruitful of good results in the advancement of the principles of our venerable order; it is a touch of that "universality" we so much revere in Masonry. At Brussells our reception was cordial but of course limited to the Supreme Councils. Delegations were present at the night of our reception from the thirty-second down to the first degree. There is, I understand, a delay of one year between each of the first, second and third degrees. For five days we were in Session practically all day each day. This was broken by an Auto ride to Waterloo and thence a visit to the chateau of the Count d'Alviella, the Sov. Gr. Commander of the Belgium Supreme Council; he has spacious grounds with gardens and lakes, and his wife, an American lady, received with him as hostess in a most cordial manner. I left with her the silk American flag I had pinned to the window of our auto which held the lead on the trip. The healths of the two countries were drunk with enthusiasm. We covered 75 miles in the afternoon with all our stops and visits. It would make some of our chauffeurs crazy to see the way these fellows run, but the roads are the best in the world and the travel is very light on them while the autos are comparatively few: "none but the wealthy can afford these luxuries."

Two evening banquets, unique in methods to us, but most generous in quality and quantity of food and wine (as was the english); a reception to ladies with music, another evening, and a trip to Antwerp where the brethren received both ladies and gentlemen finished the week. At one of the banquets I was invited to speak in French and made my best effort though I should have liked to have had more than a half hours notice, still they all seemed to appreciate my opening apologetic story of the pianist in the western mining camp, with the sign "Do not shoot the performer, he is doing the best he can." Nevertheless, as it was the day after our Grand Lodge met in Boston I had a chance to tell them of Joseph Warren and Lafayette etc., etc., not to omit George Washington. Altogether it has been a most enjoyable trip. As to its value masonically you can judge when you read the evidence.

Presentation of a Memorial Hall

To Wardsboro, Vt., by Right Worshipful James M. Gleason

JAMES M. GLEASON

The celebration of the fourth of July, 1907, will be long remembered by the residents of Wardsboro, Vermont as an occasion of remarkable interest. In addition to the ceremonies usually attending the observation of the national holiday it was chosen as a fitting day for the dedication of a public building which was presented by James M. Gleason, to the town for the benefit and free use of its citizens.

In 1904 a fire destroyed the old town hall which had been used for meetings and gatherings of all kinds, the loss was keenly felt and it was not long before steps were taken towards building a new hall. Subscriptions for the purpose of building were solicited and a good sum had been pledged when the paper reached Mr. Gleason, who conceived the idea of building a suitable hall at his own expense and dedicating it as a memorial to his parents. The building which has been erected by Mr. Gleason is a frame structure, 36 by 51 feet on the foundations, and is of a handsome type of architecture. The lower floor is arranged for a banquet hall, library and kitchen, with ladies' and men's coat and cloak rooms. The upper floor is devoted to an assembly hall with gallery, and it is fitted with a stage and dressing rooms. The seating capacity is 300. The entire interior finish is Southern pine. A clock and bell have been placed in the front gable, and Mr. Gleason has

provided all needful furnishings for the hall, including chairs, dining tables, kitchen utensils, etc.

A memorial tablet placed near the entrance to do honor to Mr. Gleason's parents is of imperishable bronze. The inscription is as follows:

> MEMORIAL HALL
> erected by
> James M. Gleason of Boston
> in memory of his parents
> Josiah and Susan R. Gleason
> and presented to the
> Town of Wardsboro Vermont
> 1907

The exercises of the day connected with the dedication of the hall began at 12 o'clock when a dinner was served in the new banquet hall to a large crowd. At 2 o'clock the dedication proceeded in the following order: Invocation by Rev. Mr. Boardman; Presentation by James M. Gleason; Response for the town, Hon. Clarke C. Fitts; Solo, E. H. Miller; Orchestra, Song, America; Declaration of Independence, Leon Fletcher; Song; Address by Hon. Kittredge Haskins; Solo, E. H. Miller; Song, Star Spangled Banner.

When Mr. Gleason stepped forward to make the presentation he was greeted with hearty applause. He spoke modestly but earnestly. After giving credit to others who had assisted in the enterprise he said:

"It is fitting that such an occasion should be observed with something of a public ceremony, for here on this lot was formerly the Congregational Church and also the School House. The younger generation may not remember the School House, but there are some present, who were pupils when I attended here.

The church is always a leading factor in shaping the good purposes of a community, and the school by its side—with its educational purpose, is the foundation of good government. These have made sacred the land included in the lot on which this Hall is erected.

Among the institutions which specially contribute to the welfare of a people are the Church, the School, the Library. And when included in this building is a room to be used as a Public Library, I have a just pride in the fact, that from there will be disseminated valuable information for great good to all who may use it. A Public Library is always a factor for good and can be made of great benefit.

'Books contain the wisdom of the writers, giving the world's experience, and the wise will profit by the experience of others.'

Especially do I wish to give due honor to my parents:

JOSIAH and SUSAN R. GLEASON.

The Memorial Tablet in the Hall, as you enter the building, is to show my love for and devotion to them. In this manner, I have placed in imperishable bronze that sentiment of heart which should actuate every loving son towards his parents. The noble traits of character they possessed is not uncommon in others, but as I contemplate their lives, I gain inspiration from their many acts, which have left a fragrant memory.

While I have been looking backward in calling to memory the lives which were so sacred to me, I would also contemplate the future and the influence such lives have upon the generations which follow.

They were members of and devout worshippers in the Methodist Episcopal Church across the way. There are many present who knew them. To such, I need not say any more. To those who did not know them, I feel at liberty to speak of them thus affectionately, as this Hall is erected in their memory and dedicated to the virtues they represented. I can speak without fear of contradiction, that my Mother was one of the sweetest, purest and noblest of her sex.

To the young people, I would give admonition, that just in proportion as they live lives of honor and devotion, just in that proportion will they in turn be honored and respected.

I have only to say that it has given me pleasure to do what I have, and thereby show my love for my birthplace.

We all live in a circle, and the broader the circle, the greater the influence on our fellow man.

I have the sentiment as expressed by another, 'I will do what I can now for I shall pass this way only once' ".

In accepting the gift for the town Mr. Fitts said in part:

TOWN HALL AT WARDSBORO, VT.—PRESENTED BY JAMES M. GLEASON

"I speak in behalf of the people of Wardsboro; that means more than those who now abide here. It means all of us who are of the town, who have pride in its past, who have pleasure in its present and who have faith in its future. We all of us sincerely appreciate this generous gift; its substantial worth we know is very large. The town hall is the town's home. Here for a century to come, let us hope, will the freemen of Wardsboro gather

every year to exercise that privilege which makes men free, to rule themselves. Here shall be recorded as the years go by what the succeeding generations shall do to keep alive the government, to preserve the order, guard the interests, the rights and the property of this municipality. Here let us hope shall be housed a library filled by the generous action of the town and by the bountiful provision of its sons and daughters, with good books; a place of profit and a source of pleasure for the boys and girls and men and women who shall make this town their home. Here will be the center of the social life of the community, the amateur dramatics and the lively dance. And here will rise odors from the best drawing card of all—the bounteous suppers which the women shall serve and the men shall eat.

But, sir; far and above the material munificence of this gift, is the spirit in which you have given it. The example which your magnificent generosity may serve, the pride it may enkindle, the affection it may awaken, the hopes it may revive, are the best portion of this gift. In this hour of hope and in the sunshine of this generosity we may in retrospect contemplate what our town has been and has not been—what it may and may not hope to be."

The address of Congressman Haskins, which concluded the speeches was an able and scholarly production. It followed the growth of our nation from its infancy through its varied experiences to the present time and in closing he said:

"That we shall be fully equal to our opportunities in the future as in the past, no candid man can well doubt. For myself I have an unwavering faith in the intelligence, patriotism and loyalty of the people of our grand imperial republic. Imperial, only, in that it is the greatest, the noblest and the best, having a form of government the most beneficient the sun ever shone upon, and under which the people are the masters—all kings and queens. That the blessings of peace, civilization, education, Christian evangelization, liberty, and all that pertains to the happiness of mankind, will continue to overshadow us, and walk hand in hand with all over whom our flag may wave, I cannot question, Oh, my country! How great and glorious thou art, and destined, under the providence of God, to become still greater." When

"Barbarous nations will at our gates attend
Walk in our light and in our temples bend;
See our bright altars thronged with prostrate kings,
While every land its joyous tribute brings."

James Mellen Gleason, the donor of the hall, was born in Wardsboro, Oct. 6, 1833, one of the four sons of Josiah and Susan Read (Morse) Gleason. Mr. Gleason's ancestry in this country traces back to 1632, when the pioneer Gleasons came from England and settled in Charlestown, Mass.

Mr. Gleason's boyhood was spent on the homestead, and he attended the schools of his native town and Springfield Wesleyan seminary.

He was a teacher in the public schools of Vermont three years. He went to Boston in 1856, and after pursuing a regular course of study graduated from French's Commercial college. He has been connected with the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance company nearly half a century, first as bookkeeper, next as cashier and for many years as treasurer. Mr. Gleason has always been a stalwart Republican in politics and has repeatedly declined the solicitation of friends who have urged him to enter the political arena.

Aside from his business pursuits he has found time for great interest and activity in Masonic circles and his connection with this fraternity is an extended and honored one. He was made a Master Mason in Joseph Warren lodge of Boston, Feb 25, 1868; a Royal Arch Mason in St. Andrew's chapter, Boston, Jan. 20, 1871; a Knight Templar in Boston commandery Nov. 20, 1872, and soon afterward received the degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish rite.

He is a past master of Joseph Warren Lodge, past commander of Boston Commandery and was grand lecturer of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts for several years. He is a permanent member of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and an honorary 33d of the A. A. S. Rite.

In every Masonic affiliation as well as in all relations which Bro. Gleason has borne in business or social life he has won the respect and lasting regard of all with whom he has been associated.

One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of St. John's Lodge, Providence, R. I.

St. John's Lodge, Providence, R. I., which is one of the oldest Masonic bodies in our country, celebrated its 150th anniversary June 23d and 24th. The lodge was formally opened by the Master, Worshipful Albert L. Morrison, on Sunday, June 23d, at 1.30 o'clock in Freemasons Hall. A procession was formed under the escort of Nestelle, Orpheus, Rising Sun, What Cheer and Mount Vernon lodges, and accompanied by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, Most Worshipful Arthur H. Armington, Grand Master, St. John's Lodge, proceeded to the First Baptist Meeting House where commemorative exercises were held.

The programme was as follows: Processional; anthem, "Rejoice the Heart of Thy Servant," quartet; responsive reading, Psalms 90 and 91, Rev. Henry M. King, D. D.; anthem, "Onward, Christian Soldiers"; prayer, Rev. and Brother Levi B. Edwards, Chaplain; response, "Lord's Prayer," Ger-

rish; historical address, Rev. and R. W. Henry W. Rugg, D. D.; anthem, "Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand," Schnecker; oration, R. W. Solon W. Stevens, Past Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts; quartet, "Sunset," benediction, Rev. Dr. King.

Dr. Rugg, in the course of his historical address covering the 150 years of the existence of St John's Lodge, said:

"A century and a half ago Providence was a thriving town of nearly 5000 loyal subjects of King George. There were Masons in Providence at a much earlier period, but 1749 is the date of the beginning of organized Freemasonry in Rhode Island. On Dec. 27 of that year a charter was granted by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Boston empowering certain brethren in Newport to organize a St. John's Lodge in that town. The charter to St. John's Lodge of Providence was issued on Jan. 18, 1757, and the lodge was organized on Feb. 17, following. The first meetings were held at a tavern on North Main street, designated by the sign of the 'White Horse'; and in 1760 at an inn known as the 'Two Crowns', at the corner of South Main and Planet streets.

At the close of 1760 St. John's Lodge had 33 names on its rolls, including those of Moses, Joseph and John Brown. Moses Prown was prominent as a philanthropist and a supporter of education. Joseph Brown, Master from 1762 to 1769, and John Brown were likewise prominent in affairs.

From 1769, for nearly nine years, the lodge was in a dormant condition, but its members kept in touch and sometimes acted together, as in the movement against the Gaspee in June, 1772.

The revival of St. John's Lodge took place July 15, 1778. Jabez Bowen was appointed Master and a new era of prosperity dawned. The Council chamber in the State House was obtained as a place of meeting.

DR. ALBERT L. MORRISON

Worshipful Master of St. Johns Lodge, Providence, R. I.

Brother Bowen, who was Master from 1778 to 1790 and Grand Master from 1794 to 1800, was a potent force in Masonic interests.

John Carlile, initiated in 1783, was Master for eight years, from December, 1794 William Wilkinson, who came into the lodge a few years later and was an eminent

instructor in Brown University, had a Masonic career of conspicuous ability, eventually becoming Grand Master of the Grand Templar organization of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Amos Maine Atwell was another prominent initiate of the 18th century.

In 1793 St John's was chartered by the General Assembly. In 1797 a subscription was opened for defraying the expense of erecting and completing a hall over the Market House. On Dec. 27, 1797, the lodge took possession of its new Masonic home in the upper story of the Market square building. The lodge roll then contained 176 names.

The anti-Masonic crusade tested the strength of St. John's lodge. For 10 years from 1823, no degrees were conferred, but meetings were held and assistance rendered to brethren in distress. Then followed an era of activity.

In 1844 the lodge subscribed $1000 to Butler Asylum. It was a member, Cyrus Butler, who contributed $40,000. Another member, Ebenezer Knight Dexter, made a magnificent gift, to 'secure better provision' for the poor of his native town."

"St. John's centennial anniversary, June 24, 1857, excited a new interest in Masonry in Providence. During the Civil War frequent entries in the records show the patriotic feeling that animated the members. The special charity fund for which foundation was laid in 1873, is now $11,380, and the Edward I. Nightingale fund amonnts to $7976.

"The 125th anniversary was observed in the What Cheer building, which had been occupied since leaving the old Market in 1853. The occasion was the incitement for steps toward a Masonic Temple, the cornerstone of which was laid in June, 1884. The new building was dedicated Feb. 3, 1886, and was destroyed by fire March 19, 1896, but St. John's jewels and records were rescued from the ruins."

The address of Right Worshipful Brother Rugg was followed by an oration by Right Worshipful Solon W. Stevens of Lowell, Mass., who said in part:

"When the obelisk, known as Cleopatra's Needle, erected 1600 years before Christ, was to be taken down, 25 years ago, for removal to New York, certain emblems and implements found beneath it had a peculiar significance, and when the obelisk was re-erected in Central Park, New York, these were all placed beneath it in the same relative position as that in which they were found. It stirs the blood to think of that column, pointing backward thousands of years to that land of mystery that borders on the Nile, standing now in the restless centre of the Empire City of this great Power of the modern world. It tells of certain great moral principles that are the essence of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masonry, which have been busily at work in every civilized life, building the spiritual temple. These principles are the result of a sailent evolution from barbarism to these latter days of enlightenment and culture, irrespec-

tive of creed and race, compelling men to draw together, to practice love and recognize the right to differ and the right to agree."

The speaker referred to the early history of Freemasonry in New England and asserted that the spirit of Masonry fed the ideals of civil liberty which found expression in the patriotism of Washington, Warren, Revere, Putnam and Greene in Revolutionary days.

"Earlier than that," he said, "it had contributed to that victory on the Plains of Abraham, by which America became predominantly English, instead of French, and gave us the vernacular of constitutional freedom in English literature.

Masonry is leading to the highest citizenship, pointing to new work to be done, new burdens to be borne. It is looking to the East for new light. A great future is better than any past, however great."

At the close of the exercises in the meeting-house the lodges returned to Freemasons' Hall.

The closing feature of the celebration was a reception and banquet on Monday evening, June 24, when more than 300 members of St. John's lodge with their wives and guests assembled in Freemasons Hall to participate in the pleasures of the occasion. Worshipful Master Albert L. Morrison acted as toastmaster. When the last course of the banquet had been served, he arose and addressed the gathering with words of cordial welcome and continuing, said:

"We love this organization, not because of any false pride or egotism, but because of its tendencies to elevate and to teach mankind; because of the theoretical and practical examples of virtue which it gives. It inculcates in humanity a feeling for the rest of the race, and it instructs the mind and leads the heart.

We are gathered here on St. John's Day, the day that has been celebrated by this lodge for many years, to celebrate the 150th anniversary of its birth. This organi-

SOLON W. STEVENS

zation, the Masonic Order, represents the oldest and most respected organization of its kind in the world. Its power reaches into the most remote parts of the world, and into all countries and climates. And our lodge, which can claim its birth 150 years ago, should we not be justly proud of it? Neither its growth nor its success has been due to accident, but to the very principles which it stands for."

The speaker then paid a compliment to the wives and families of the members, saying that while they were not allowed to take any part in the Order itself, their influence had been felt for good in many ways.

Upon the conclusion of his remarks the toastmaster introduced Most Worshipful Grand Master Arthur H. Armington of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island. He welcomed the gathering in behalf of the Grand Lodge, and gave a detailed outline and history of the lodge, bringing into prominence the history of St. John's Lodge. He said in part:

"Masonry is very often looked upon as a secret society, and it is rightly so, but the literature of our organization is open to the public at all times. While we guard certain secrets, our only aim is for the benefit of man. There are those who think that the banding together of such a large body of men as we are, under such strong oaths and pledges, is a menace to those who do not belong to our Order. It is often believed that because we shut ourselves within our council chambers and hold secret sessions, that we must perforce commit some evil or unseemly deeds. That there is no foundation for these thoughts, I need not tell you.

"We do not meet these charges with defiance, but we allow our character to prove our position. The literature of our organization is entirely free to all who ask for it. May your lodge keep up the good work that it has been doing heretofore, and may the force of the Order spread throughout the world, for when it does selfishness and greed will disappear from the face of the earth."

After the addresses the party adjourned to the entertainment room on the floor below and an interesting concert was given.

Masonic Home, Missouri.

Sir Knight Campbell Wells, grand commander of the Grand Commandery of Missouri, speaks as follows of the Masonic Home of that state:

The Masonic Home is the pride of Missouri Masons, as it well may be, for it is the brightest gem in their crown of virtues. Here, our aged and infirm Brethren, who are no longer able to cope with the difficulties of life, find a sweet haven of rest and peace, and thus their declining years are made happy, not only in the provision made for their physical wants, but in the consciousness that the Craft consider it a privilege to thus love and honor, in the evening of life, the craftsmen who have born the heat and burden of the day.

Here, also the helpless children of our fallen Brethren are shielded from the blasting and destroying influence of the world and taught to believe in and trust the goodness and mercy of the Infinite Father, who is a "Father to the fatherless and a husband to the widow" unto all such as put their trust in Him. Here these little ones are trained in the habits of industry, sobriety and all those principles of good morals, that will fit them for positions of honor and usefulness in the years to come.

There is not in all the world, a grander, sweeter charity, or a more beautiful exemplification of the teaching of our Order.

ETERNITY

Eternity! How long art thou, Eternity?
Came there a bird each thousandth year,
One sand-grain from the hills to clear,
When all had vanished, grain by grain,
Eternity would still remain;
Mark well, O man, Eternity!

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Good of the Order

The spirit of hostility to Masonry, which was at one time strong has now entirely disappeared, and in regard to this change in public sentiment nothing seems more apt than the quotation: "Magna est Veritas et praevalibit,"—great is truth, and it will prevail. The grand characteristics and unselfish motives of the order now command the admiration of the world. Its precepts are promulgated and practiced by rulers and by subjects of every civilized nation of the two hemispheres.—*George N. Delap, Grand High Priest, Connecticut.*

To be a Mason means more than sounding brass or a tinkling symbol. It means a life of devotion to God, brotherly love for the entire human family, . . . For one to say 'I belong to the Church or to the Masons', is easy, but what the world needs today, are real Christians and real Masons.—*Styles T. Rowe, Grand Master, Arkansas.*

Masonry stands today stronger in its influence than at any time since its organization, we may well be proud of our connection with the Order. Its mollifying influence on the asperities of men; its softening of the prejudices and passions in business, in politics, in religion, is forcing it to the front as the most potent influence for peace and for a broader and higher civilization. Its strength is mighty, because its principles are pure and its ideals high; our system, while reposing on the rock of ages, has vindicated itself against aspersion and unjust persecution. Truly it may be said, that at this time the "wisest and best of men are encourages and promoters of our art."—*Lincoln V. Cravens, Grand Master of Indiana.*

Throughout this jurisdiction there are abundant evidences of the worthy life of the Fraternity and of the wonderous power of Masonry to enoble mankind. Everywhere there is a reverent appreciation of its sublime truths, its inspiring beauty and vivifying spirit. In the conduct of life the brethren shadow forth high Masonic ideals. Light shines brightly from our many altars. With hardly an exception, peace and prosperity reign every where.—*Walter E. Ranger, Grand Master of Vermont.*

Let us tread in the old paths and preserve the ancient usages, customs and landmarks, regardless of the new which is ever springing up about us and endeavoring to seduce us from Masonry as our fathers taught it.

—*Frederic Speed, Mississippi.*

Notes and Comments

The Grand Lodge of Chile is making an earnest effort to establish relations of intimacy with the Grand Lodges of the world. It would be a graceful act on the part of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts to help our brethren in Chile attain this end. This course would have the hearty approval of Right Worshipful David Urquhart, District Deputy Grand Master of our Grand Lodge in Chile, who fully understands the spirit that is moving the Chilean Masons in their present purpose.

There never was a more favorable opportunity than the present for uniting the brethren of Chile and placing them in a strong position for useful work. Their hearts are warmed to us and to the Masons of the world, as never before, by the sympathy and generous aid given them after the great earthquake of last year.

The destruction of the Temple in Valparaiso, the loss of its property, the breaking up of the lodges and the scattering of the members of the Grand Lodge and the death of the Grand Master which followed immediately after the earthquake placed the Grand Lodge in a deplorable condition. The death of the Grand Master was an especial hardship for on his great knowledge and wisdom they placed their dependence for direction in reorganization. Notwithstanding the discouraging circumstances surrounding them the brethren determined to renew their work. It was deemed wise to forsake Valparaiso and to reorganize in Santiago, making that city the headquarters of their Grand Lodge. The present Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Chile is Most Worshipful Victor Emo Ewing, son of Worshipful Peter Ewing, who was District Deputy Grand Master of our Grand Lodge several years in Chile, and who will be remembered by many brethren who had the pleasure of meeting him when he visited Boston in 1895.

We are informed by a brother who has resided in Valparaiso more than a quarter of a century and who understands the methods of the Grand Lodge of Chile and the spirit that dominates its action, that any suggestion that came from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts would be most graciously received.

In accordance with the vote of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, A. F. & A. M., at its Quarterly Communication, June 12, 1907, for the appointment of a committee of fifteen to consider the expediency of establishing a Masonic Home, the Grand Master appointed the following brethren: Thomas W. Davis, Clarence A. Brodeur, Allen T. Treadway, George H. Perkins, Everett C. Benton, Melvin M. Johnson, William H. L. Odell, Walter F. Medding, Leon M. Abbott, George P. Whitmore, Albert B. Root, Robert N. Hathaway, William L. Walker, William H. Emerson, Charles S. Proctor.

This committee held its first meeting July 15th and organized with Right Worshipful Brother Thomas W. Davis as Chairman, and in accordance with authority given by the Grand Lodge added to its number the Grand Master and the following brethren: George H. Allen, A. W. Beckford, Arthur P. Brown, E. Alden Dyer, W. B. Ellis, Edwin B. Holmes, Daniel W. Lawrence, George E. McKay, Oscar A. Marden, W. H. Rider, O. A. Roberts, H. M. Rowe, Fred M. Sampson, Franklin E. Snow, George W. Storer, Joseph L. Strong, W. D. T. Trefry, George J. Tufts, Frederic E. Wood.

A committee consisting of the Chairman, the Most Worshipful Grand Master

and Worshipful Brother Johnson, was appointed to apportion the work among sub-committees.

Most Excellent Companion Clark E. Spencer, who was Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Michigan at the time of the 33d Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter in Boston last year, does not have a very exalted opinion of the importance of the supreme body. He says: "In my opinion the actual work of the General Grand Chapter could have been easily crowded into one day. I am unable to discover any particular benefit to be derived by the Grand Chapters from these sessions, other than a good social time for those lucky enough to be in a position to attend. It certainly makes a fine outing. I freely confess that I shall be happy to attend the next meeting which is to be held at Atlanta, Georgia, even though I do not have the fortune of being a proxy for one of the Grand Council." He further says that he cannot see any logical reason for the Grand Chapter of his state paying the expenses of the delegates, "But we are tied to it, and I suppose will so remain, because the Grand Chapter of Michigan has no legal right to secede."

Companion Spencer, without thinking, has hit the very best reason for the existence of the General Grand Chapter, when he expresses a desire to attend the next Triennial at Atlanta. The good-fellowship and friendly relations established between the Grand Chapters, and the companions of the different states of our union, were there no other reasons, are well worth all the time and all the cost given in sustaining our General Grand Chapter.

An amusing experience befell Past Grand Commander Dana J. Flanders on his trip to the Saratoga Conclave. The conductor of the train, who did not know the head of the B. & M. passenger department, asked the official for a ticket, and instead received a card bearing his name. The conductor handed it back and remarked: "Well, where is your pass?" with the accent on the "your." "I am the man," remarked Mr. Flanders, which produced a profound bow from the ticket collector; but the incident—a rare one—was greatly enjoyed by the railroad official.

Business men drink Mt. Zircon Spring Water every day. It refreshes the brain. It cheers but does not intoxicate.

Baron Marscholl von Bleberstein, Germany, delivered an able address at the Hague conference on the question of arbitration in general and approving the American proposal. He said:

"The most important reform in the arbitration institution will be that contained in the American and Russian propositions, consisting in giving to The Hague court the character of a real and permanent tribunal. We know the imperfections existing in the present institution, which I might mention without intending to criticise, but the first conference has been of great advantage to us, inasmuch as it has shown us the road. Once the permanent court is established, with judges whose character and ability inspire universal confidence, it will exercise a power which cannot fail to attract countries that have judicial differences to settle. The new institution will insure a broader and more efficient recourse to arbitration than would a compulsory clause surrounded by cautions, reserves and restrictions. We are ready to employ all our forces to collaborate in the accomplishment of this task."

From a personal letter from Right Worshipful Charles T. Gallagher: "July 4th, in the forenoon, having seen the day before that the flag of the Massachusetts Society of the S. A. R., on the grave of Lafayette was gone from the staff, I bought a new silk flag, three feet long, tacked it on the staff, and made record

in the Visitor's Book that as General Lafayette received his degrees at the hands of General Washington, in Valley Forge Campaign of the Revolution, it was appropriate that a member of Lafayette Lodge of Masons in Boston should place a tribute on his grave on Independence Day, adding incidentally, 'replacing the flag of the Massachusetts Society.'

"Lafayette's body is in a private cemetery of a few aristocrat families in the rear of the Convent grounds, 35 rue de Picpus, out beyond the Place de la Nation in the suburbs. Adjoining the grave is the lot bought by the family of Prince Salm-Kryebourg, a German prince, a victim of the Reign of Terror, whose family have bought the whole lot in which are buried the bodies of 1,306 persons guillotined during the second year of the republic, 1794. Five of Lafayette's family fell under the guillotine. No graves of the Terror Victims are marked."

John McLean, Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Commandery of New Hampshire is an ex-governor of the state.

Washington Commandery, No. 1, of Hartford, Conn., boasts the only band composed entirely of Knights Templar in attendance at the Saratoga conclave. This band is made up of thirty-eight pieces and its members are business and professional men of prominence in Hartford. The leader, Thomas W. Morgan, is a Past Commander of Washington and is at present Grand Inspector of the Grand Commandery of Connecticut.

The thirty-sixth Convocation of Massachusetts Council of Deliberation was convened in Masonic Temple, Boston, Wednesday, July 17, at 3.30 P. M. Ill. Charles C. Hutchinson, Deputy of the Supreme Council, N. M. J., U. S. A., presided. There was a large attendance of Sovereign Grand Inspectors-General, permanent members and representatives of the subordinate bodies in this jurisdiction. Committees were appointed and the Ill. Commander-in-Chief delivered an address. A cablegram of fraternal greeting was received from Ill. Brothers Samuel C. Lawrence, Daniel W. Lawrence and Charles T. Gallagher, three active thirty-thirds that were abroad.

An oration was delivered by Ill. Rev. Josiah L. Seward, D. D., 33d. His theme was Obstacles and was presented in an interesting manner.

Immediately after the closing of the Council a banquet was served.

One of the unique scenes of triennial week in Saratoga was the marching of the Ladies' Auxiliary of St. Bernard Commandery of Chicago from the depot to the Grand Union Hotel on the arrival of the commandery.

Over their heads they carried silk parasols, to the handles of which were tied great bows of black and red ribbon, the colors of the drill corps which won the championship banner in the contests at the Saratoga racing track on Wednesday.

The company was led by Mrs. Fred H. Barringer, wife of the Commander; Mrs. Harris W. Huehl, President of the Ladies' Auxiliary, and Mrs. Richard Connell, and they were followed by fifty others. The ladies marched with a firm and stately tread and evinced an air of grim determination, as though to declare to the world: "Well, we've gone and done it and beat the rest of the women at the conclave."

The ladies were greeted with cheers and applause every step of the way.

The appearance of the St. Bernard feminine section was regarded as an innovation which will find many imitators at future conclaves. Credit for the idea belongs to the wife of the Commander, and she was assisted in carrying it out and perfecting the drill by Dr. R. L. Leonard.

The Right Honorable Earl of Euston, who visited this country for the purpose

of attending the Conclave at Saratoga, saw a baseball game in New York for the first time in his life. The Earl "rooted" for the Giants and they won.

Great praise is due the management at Saratoga for their excellent plan for the care of visitors in little matters. The sign, "Ask Me," worn by the committee, both men and women, was not only unique, but exceedingly comforting to the stranger in want of information. The supplying of drinking water at the street corners was another evidence of their thoughtful care that was duly appreciated.

Among the most conspicuous commanderies in the parade at Saratoga Springs was De Molay mounted commandery No. 4, of Washington, D. C. Led by Eminent Commander James L. Marshall, the Knights of De Molay on their horses with their rich trappings presented a most picturesque appearance.

The following account of the return of stolen jewelry has been sent to us by one of our friends. We do not know what paper it was taken from, but presume that New York City was the scene of the incident.

"No, sah, not fer me. Ah don' want nothin' that was stole from a fellow Mason. If Ah'd a know'd this Judge Brown was a Shriner Ah'd sent his jewelry back myself, sah. Yes, sah."

And so Judge Julius L. Brown, of Atlanta, Ga., Master of Chancery of the United States Circuit Court, Harvard graduate, son of a former Governor of Georgia and one of the leading Masons in his native state, got back eleven of the nineteen stickpins which were stolen from him. The generous person who voluntarily returned the plunder was John Edwards, a negro, who keeps a lunch room in West 135th Street.

He was arrested as an accomplice of Rosie Edwards, whom Judge Brown identified as the woman who accosted him in Broadway. The detectives of the old Tenderloin station put Edwards, whom they knew as a companion of the Edwards woman, through the third degree, but he stoutly denied knowing anything about the stolen stickpins or the $180 which was taken from the Georgia judge's wallet at the same time the pins were abstracted. The woman also denied all knowledge of the plunder.

Edwards read in a newspaper yesterday afternoon that Judge Brown was a Mason, and he immediately sent for Captain Wiegand and Detective Callahan.

"Say," said he, "Ah have seen by th' newspapers that this Judge Brown is a Mason. Now, this is what Ah want to tell you officers. Ah'm a Mason, too, and Ah wouldn't nevah take nothin' that was stole from another Mason. That's a good rule fer all men to go by, sah. Ah've got some o' those pins he lost."

Astonished, the detectives went to the 135th Street restaurant owned by the prisoner and were taken to the cellar by Edwards. There on a beam over a big coal heap they found a little parcel, and in it eleven of the nineteen missing pins.

Pressed to surrender the rest of the plunder, the prisoner declared that he had seen only the eleven pins.

Edwards was formerly a member of the theatrical company of Williams and Walker and became a Shriner, he declares, while in London.

The artistic and appropriate decorations of Mechanics Hall at the time of the celebration of the 25th anniversary of Aleppo Temple, Mystic Shrine, were put up by Brother C. P. Buckman, who is one of our subscribers. Brother Buckman's work is always satisfactory in quality and reasonable in price.

"Columbia" is a pure white goat belonging to Columbia Commandery No. 2 of Washington, D. C. Captain Frank E. Gibson and a number of Sir Knights took the goat out for a visit on sister commanderies and its handsome blanket soon became covered with exchange badges.

It is gratifying to find the reputation of our publication extending to distant countries. On one day in July we received, with others, subscriptions from the widely separated places of Alaska, Valparaiso, South America and Canada.

As electricity is the highest conception of motive energy, so is the Electric Cigar the highest conception of a ten-cent cigar. It is sold by the Electric Cigar Co. Read their advertisement in another column.

"We match the world with open hand
In Woman, Wine or Song,
Come, pledge with us the Southland
In Georgia Scuppernong."

These and various other inviting jingles pointed the way to the headquarters of the Georgia Commandery in the Grand Union Hotel, Saratoga. The jolly little verses are the work of Frank L. Stanton and one of the badges given out by the commandery bears on celluloid a picture of Joel Chandler Harris who, as "Uncle Remus," is beloved the country over.

Worshipful Brother George W. Chester, superintendent of Masonic Temple, Boston, is spending his vacation at Ossipee Camp on Lake Winnipesaukee, N. H. Brother William H. Gerrish, the well-known organist, is also at the same camp.

The following officers of Dalhousie Lodge, Newtonville, Mass., were recently installed by Right Worshipful H. L. Harwood, assisted by Worshipful Frank R. Moore as Marshal: Worshipful Master, H. Stewart Bosson; Senior Warden, Harry N. Milliken; Junior Warden, Charles E. Hatfield; Treasurer, John W. Fisher; Secretary, Edward E. Morgan; Senior Deacon, Elbridge P. Jones; Junior Deacon, Carl R. Hayes; Chaplain, Rev. Albert Hammett; Senior Steward, Edward C. Wyatt; Junior Steward, J. Frank Dunleavy; Tyler, James Pickens; Marshal, A. C. Hosmer; Organist, Henry T. Wade.

Thomas J. O'Brien, 2178 Washington Street, Boston, will sell you a new carriage or repair and paint your old carriage or automobile so they will look almost like new. Go and see him when you need anything in his line.

M. E. Samuel F. Hubbard, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand R. A. Chapter of Massachusetts, is at Bridgton, Me., for the month of August.

Gen. Samuel C. Lawrence and his brother Daniel, with Charles T. Gallagher of Boston, have returned to London from Paris. They will sail for Boston next week. The trio first went to Brussels to attend the supreme council of the thirty-third degree Masons. Afterward they made a trip up the Rhine. On the Fourth of July they attended the American banquet in Paris. While investigating some Masonic matters concerning Paul Jones, they accidentally discovered that the only living relative of Paul Jones was existing in a state of extreme poverty in Paris, working as a charwoman for five sous a day.

This woman, Mrs. Gombault, is a grand-daughter of Paul Jones's sister. She was born in Charleston, S. C., and is a highly educated woman, speaking and writing French, German and other languages. She attended a school in Gramercy Park, New York, with Mrs. Martin Brimmer, married a Frenchman and went to live in Paris, where in her old age she was reduced to poverty. Mr. Lawrence took the matter up and purchased a number of Jones's relics which

she had, including the original document which Jones sent to the Congressional committee giving the details in his own handwriting of the fitting out of and the expenditures in regard to the Ranger at Portsmouth.

Mr. Lawrence interested other Americans in assisting the old lady and made such arrangements that she shall never again experience want. The relics are now on the way to America.

It is suggested that when the General returns to the United States arrangements may be made whereby the Masons of America will take the matter up and furnish permanent relief for the old lady. She was overjoyed at the kindness of Gen. Lawrence and accompanied him and Mr. Gallagher to the cemetery on the Fourth of July, placing a small silk flag on the grave of Lafayette.—London Cable, New York Sun.

We have received from our distinguished brother Mason, R. F. Gould, England, the report of the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Surrey. The names of the officers are given, also the names of many distinguished companions present. Every chapter, except one, on the roll was represented and important business was transacted. What will interest our readers most is an account of the banquet which followed the meeting with its series of toasts ending with one that is strange to our ears, a toast to "The Janitor." The account of the banquet is as follows:

The Companions then adjourned to another room where the usual banquet had been prepared. At the conclusion of the repast, the Rev. H. W. Turner, who presided, gave the toast of "The King," which was followed by those of "The Duke of Connaught, the Grand Z. of the Order," and "The Earl Amherst, Pro. Grand Z., together with the remainder of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." With the latter toast, the Grand Superintendent coupled the name of Comp. R. F. Gould, saying that he was the historian of Freemasonry, and that, having been exalted in 1857, the Companions present heartily congratulated him on the attainment of his jubilee as a Royal Arch Mason. Comp. R. F. Gould having duly replied, the Prov. Grand Scribe E. proposed, "The Health of the Grand Superintendent," which was acknowledged in eloquent terms by the Rev. H. W. Turner, who next proposed, "The Provincial Grand H. and the remainder of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past." In the absence of Comp. J. D. Langton, who had been unable to remain for the banquet, the Prov. Grand J. suitably responded. Then followed "The Visitors" and finally "The Janitor's" toast brought a most agreeable evening to a close.

Great credit is due to all those concerned in making the arrangements for the meeting, which was one of the most successful on record, and a recherche banquet, which was admirably served, formed a very pleasing feature of the proceedings. The Provincial Grand Superintendent presided with equal ability and geniality over the deliberations of the Grand Chapter, and over the subsequent proceedings at the festive board. The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Surrey was generally felt to have been in all respects a great success, and earnest hopes were indulged in that the Annual Convocation for 1908 might be attended with results of an equally satisfactory character.

The Ohio State Journal says: "In whatever nation one goes he will find the voice of humanity preaching for the reduction of navies, and such expression will get into the deliberations of the Hague Conference before it adjourns."

Gen. Samuel C. Lawrence, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, is certainly entitled to the title of public benefactor. After spending approximately $300,000 fighting the gypsy and brown-tail moths on his own magnificent estate in Medford, it is said that he has placed his force of men and his appliances for the work at the disposal of his neighbors. No one who has not had a personal experience with the moths can have any idea of their destructvie capacity.

Joseph Warren Commandery K. T. received many compliments in Saratoga for their tasteful and original uniforms. The distinguishing feature of their full dress uniform is a cream-colored cape, lined with yellow silk, on the left side of which is a cross of red, showing prominently. The chapeaux and fatigue caps are also designed with an idea for pleasant effects and show some variations from the monotonous style usually affected by subordinate commanderies.

The next international Masonic conference of the Supreme Council of the world A. A. Scottish Rite, will be held in this country. Toward the close of the session recently finished at Brussels a resolution was adopted to hold the next congress, five years hence, in a city to be decided upon by the two American jurisdictions.

Jordan Lodge of Masons of Peabody has appointed a committee to raise funds and arrange for a fitting observance of the centennial of the organization of the lodge which occurs in December, 1908. The plans contemplate a two or three day's celebration. The lodge was chartered Dec. 20, 1808 and is in a most flourishing condition.

On Thursday, July 25, Golden Rule Lodge of Stanstead, Quebec, observed the semi-centennial of the first meeting which it held on Owl's Head, Lake Memphremagog in 1857. The original dispensation giving the lodge permission to hold its meeting out of doors was granted July 14, 1857 by John H. Graham, who was then grand master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec. So uncommon is it for Masons to meet in this way that the day set apart for the event was looked forward to with great interest and Masons from far and near and from both sides of the line came in great numbers to attend the unique lodge meeting.

This open air lodge room is about 2000 feet above the surface of Lake Memphremagog, and is in a deep depression on the mountain side, around which are lofty cliffs.

For 50 years this quaint custom of holding meetings has been practised, few dates during that long period having been missed.

The square and compass are carved upon the rocky sides of this natural lodge room and a stone altar is in the usual place.

Golden Rule Lodge has an interesting history. It observed its centennial anniversary in 1903, the event was followed by the publication of the history of the lodge which was prepaired by the Rev. Arthur Henry Moore, M A. Golden Rule Lodge grew out of Lively Stone Lodge wh ch was founded in 1803. Early in its history the Lodge suffered serious loss through the burning of the hall used for its meetings. Another was soon built on the boundry line, between Canada and Vermont and had entrance from both sides. The boundry line ran through the centre of the room and it is said that the membership was just as international as the site. The war of 1812 brought this condition to an end.

Among our new advertisers is Brother A. Anderson, Chiropodist. He solicits your patronage. Bro. Anderson is a member of Mizpah lodge and is a Shriner.

Wor. Brothers Moses C. Plummer and Leon M. Abbott of Columbian Lodge, Boston, have returned from their European trip. Brother Plummer has been absent about six months and returns in good health and spirits.

Deaths

" Out of the sound of ebb-and-flow,
Out of the sight of damp and star,
It calls you where the good winds blow,
Where the unchanging meadows are :
From faded hopes, and hopes agleam,
It calls you, calls you, night and day,
Beyond the dark, into the dream
Over the hills and far away."

Brother Edward Sereno Hathaway of Lynn, Mass., who marched in the ranks of the Mystic Shriners, June 24th died on the following day with heart trouble. His death was probably hastened by the march in the heat which was oppressive to those unaccustomed to such exercise. He was born in Ashland fifty-nine years ago. He was a member of Golden Fleece Lodge, Sutton R. A. Chapter and Zebulon Council R. & S. Masters. He had been a resident of Lynn for forty years.

Brother Henry A. Smith of Stoneham, Mass., who died July 3d was a veteran of the civil war. He was formerly a school teacher but gave it up to enter the insurance business. In addition to his Masonic association he was a member of several other orders and a member of the board of public works.

Brother Albert Frank Gates, formerly a member of the board of aldermen of Worcester, Mass., and prominent in Masonry, being one of the four 33d degree Masons in Worcester, died July 20th. He was born in the house in which he died Sept. 29, 1845. He was five years in the board of aldermen from 1890 to 1895, and in 1893 was president of the board. He was a member of Montacute Lodge, A. F. and A. M., and of the constituent bodies in both the York and Scottish rite degrees, being a member of Worcester County Commandery, Knights Templar ; Massachusetts consistory, 32d degree, and was also a 33d degree Mason. He was past eminent commander of Worcester County Commandery, had held the highest offices in the various bodies and was a member of Aleppo Temple of the Mystic Shrine, Boston.

Brother Daniel E. Chase, one of the best known citizens of Somerville. Mass., died July 13, at his summer home in West Andover; N. H., from Bright's disease, aged 78 years. Mr. Chase had taken all the degrees in Scottish Rite Masonry up to and including the thirty-second degree, and in Odd Fellowship had filled all the chairs in lodge and encampment. He was in the Somerville School Board in 1864 and a member of the first Board of Aldermen in 1872.

Brother Seward Dodge, for many years engaged in the wheelwright and blacksmith business in Somerville, Mass., died July 22. He had been twice elected to the Common Council and the same number of times to the Board of Aldermen. He was

a member of John Abbott Lodge of Masons, the Odd Fellows and the Royal Arcanum and Knights of Honor. Mr Dodge was born in Hamilton, Sept. 12, 1823. May 13, 1847, he moved to Somerville where he established himself in business.

Brother Alexander W. Green died in Northampton, Mass., recently. Mr. Green was for many years a prominent business man of Greenfield. He was a native of Troy, N. Y. He was for years marshal of Republican Lodge of Masons, and was a member of Connecticut Valley Commandery, Knights Templar, and was a Shriner.

Col. Walter Cutting, aged 66 years, one of Pittsfield's, (Mass.) most prominent citizens, and equally prominent and well known in New York and Boston, died July 23.

He was a prominent Grand Army man, served on the staffs of several national commanders and founded Berkshire post. He was a member of the Loyal Legion and a very prominent 33d degree Mason. He was PM of Crescent lodge, a member of Berkshire R. A. chapter, Berkshire council, R. and S M., Berkshire commandery, Knights Templar, of which he served as eminent commander.

Regarded highly in Templar Masonry, he was honored by election to the office of grand commander of the grand commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. He was a member of St. Stephen's church. He was a member of the Union and Delta Phi clubs, New York, the Lenox and Pittsfield country clubs and a member of the Somerset club, Boston, for many years, recently resigning.

Ernest Mieusset, the famous caterer of Boston is dead

Mr. Mieusset, whose age was 63, was a member of the Massachusetts Lodge of Masons, St. Paul Chapter and Boston Council of Masons.

Selections--All Sorts

Variety is the very spice of life,
That gives it all its flavor. [Cowper.

Little Frank. "Mamma, please tell me how father got to know you."

Mother. "One day I fell into the deep river, and your father jumped in and saved me."

Little Frank. "Well, that's funny; he won't let me learn how to swim."

[Harper's Weekly.

"August brings the sheaves of corn,
Then the harvest home is borne."

An Irishman was arraigned before a police court judge on a charge of assault and battery.

"Are you guilty or not guilty?" asked the clerk, when he finished reading the charge, to which the prisoner replied:

"How the devil can I tell until I hear the evidence?" [Gr. en Bag.

"O, softly on yon banks of haze,
Her rosy face the Summer lays!"

Friend. "I suppose the baby is fond of you?"

Papa. "Fond of me? Why, he sleeps all day when I'm not at home and stays up all night just to enjoy my society." [News.

Wife—I dreamed last night that I was in a shop that was simply full of the loveliest bonnets, and— Husband (hastily)—But that was only a dream, my dear. Wife—I knew that before I woke up, because you bought one for me.

"Abash'd the devil stood,
And felt how awful goodness is, and saw
Virtue in her shape how lovely." [Milton.

The Parson. "Well, Tommy, how are you getting along at school?"

Tommy. "Fine. I've got so I can write my own excuses now." [Chicago News.

A farmer has made a discovery that will be of vast importance to farmers during a dry season. He has found that by planting onions and potatoes in the same field in alternate rows, the onions, being so strong, bring tears to the eyes of the potatoes in such volumes that the roots of the vines are kept moist and a big crop is raised in spite of the drought.

"Great things thro' greatest hazards are achiev'd,
And then they shine."

[Beaumont and Fletcher.

"So you are Ananias," said the recently arrived Shade. "There is a club on earth named after you."

"Yes; I have heard of it. But things have progressed. I don't believe an artless, uncultured prevaricator like myself could qualify for membership in it."

[Washington Star.

"Ambition has but one reward for all:
A little power, a little transient fame,
A grave to rest in, and a fading name."

—William Winter.

He. "Woman is a delusion."

She. "Yet man is always hugging some delusion or other." [The Throne.

Benevolent Old Man. "I am sorry, Johnny, to see you have a black eye."

Promising Youth. "You go home and be sorry for your own little boy; he's got two." [Illustrated Bits.

Jamie, a fine little fellow, had failed to sense the meaning of the verse he had been taught. "Moses was an austere man, and made atonement for the sins of his people." Imagine the laughter which greeted his rendition of it: "Moses was an oyster-man, and made ointment for the shins of his people." [Chicago Tribune.

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